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In re application of :

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COMPOUNDS FROM HYDROPHOBIC LIQUID MATRICES

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 24 December 2009, please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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